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TOPIC Military Information from Meissen

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1. On 4 February 1953, the Zaschendorf Kaserne, north of Heinrich Heine Strasse, Meissen, was occupied to about half its capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia; and troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Between noon and 1 p.m., about 15 soldiers drilled with rifles between the barracks buildings. Numerous trucks were in two garages. Twenty-five trucks on blocks were seen in an open wooden shed just behind the fence on Heinrich Heine Strasse, in line with the garages. A fuel depot consisting of 3 bunkers, 5 x 10 meters, and 2 to 3 open sheds of 3 x 2 meters adjoined the installation to the northeast.

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2. On 4 February, not more than two barracks buildings of the south section of the barracks installation in Bohnitzsch, east of Highway No 101, about 1 km north of Bohnitzsch, were occupied. Source believed that one of these buildings was occupied by officers. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.

3. On 4 February, the north section of the barracks installation in Bohnitzsch was occupied to two thirds of its capacity by a tank unit. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., a T-34 tank entered the installation, coming from the direction of Groebnitz and

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25X1A 1. Comment. Another source reported on 21 January that, according to local residents, signal and mortar units were stationed in the Zaschendorf Kaserne. See [redacted] The information on mortar units was received with some reserve as the 218th Mort Regt of the 9th Tank Div, according to credible indications, may be stationed in the Mudra Kaserne in Riesa. The actual occupation of the barracks installation in Zaschendorf is still undetermined.

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25X1A 2. Comment. The partition in two sections of the barracks installation in Bohnitzsch and the occupation of the two sections by a tank unit each, mentioned in the reference report, is only partly confirmed by the information in this report, as the report contains no details on the unit stationed in the south section of the installation. The north section is confirmed occupied as previously by a tank unit which, however, could not be identified.